Final Rolls Of Ute Indian Tribe Are Published; Groups To Divide

A Complete Story Of The History Of Partition Act Will Appear In Next Week's Issue

Final rolls of the Ute Indian Tribe for the purpose of dividing 1804 members of the Tribe into two autonomous groups known as the mixed-bloods and full-bloods were published in the Federal Register on April 5, 1956. These rolls were published in accordance with Public Law 671 (83rd Congress) which was enacted at the request of the Ute Tribe to partition all the tribal assets between the mixed-blood and full-blood members and to terminate Federal services for and supervision over, the mixed-bloods.

1314 Full-Bloods

The full-blood group, numbering 1314 persons, or 73% of the Tribe, will continue operating at the "Ute Indian Tribe," a Federal Corporation under the Constitution and By-Laws and the Charter adopted in accordance with the Indian Reorganization Act of 1937.

The mixed-blood group, numbering 490 persons, or 27% of the Tribe, will take steps to organize as a corporation. At the end of 5½ years the mixed-blood group will be fully integrated into equal status with the citizens of Utah, having the same responsibilities and privileges. The full-blood group has launched a 10-year development program with concentrated and coordinated effort with the Federal Government to undertake steps toward the same direction taken by their mixed-blood tribesmen.

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Received $32 Million

Public Law 671, commonly known as the Ute Partition Act of August 27, 1954, is an outgrowth of planning for social and economic development entered into by the Ute Tribe after successfully winning 32 million dollars, the largest cash settlement ever awarded by the United States Government for a land suit involving some 4.5 million acres of ancestral land vacated by the Ute Indians in Colorado nearly 70 years before. The windfall was divided between the Utes in Colorado and the Utes on the Uintah and Ouray reservation with some 17.5 million dollars being credited to the Utah Utes.

Insight Into Problems

The maneuverings, the controversy, prejudices, bitterness, and years of frustration which led to the development of the Ute Partition Act forms an interesting story and gives insight into the great problems of the Ute Indians.

Francis McKinley, who supervised the original three year program first developed by the Ute Indian and who was largely instrumental in shaping the many sided Ute problems into a definite plan of action resulting in the Ute Partition has consented to write the background and history of the Ute Partition Act in next week's issue of the Roosevelt Standard and Uintah Basin Record.